



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-02042

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: Officers Injured From 2017 To Date

Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Request 1

How many Police Service of Northern Ireland officers were injured at work in the year 2017 and so far in 2018?

Answer

Please see the list in the table the Form 23/10's submitted by PSNI Officers which resulted in injury/ill health for 2017:

	Ill Health	Injury
Accidental Discharge		1
Animal/Insect bite		32
Assault		509
Contact needle/sharps		24
Ergonomics		196
Exposed to Explosion	1	5
Exposed to fire	2	8
Exposed to harmful substance	6	24
Fall from height		8
Lifting/handling (object)		52
Lifting/handling (people)	1	306
Other	15	28
Road Traffic Collision		197
Slip/trip/fall		160
Stress	22	20
Struck against something		62
Struck by moving vehicle		11
Struck by object	1	79
	48	1722

Request 2

Can you provide a breakdown of the recorded injuries over the requested years?

Answer

Please see the list in the table the Form 23/10's submitted by PSNI Officers which resulted in injury/ill health for 2018 to 31 October 2018 :

	Ill Health	Injury
Animal/Insect bite		15
Assault	1	395
Contact needle/sharps		32
Electricity		3
Ergonomics	2	121
Exposed to Explosion		1
Exposed to fire	2	6
Exposed to harmful substance	5	23
Fall from height		9
Lifting/handling (object)		40
Lifting/handling (people)		213
Other	10	24
Road Traffic Collision		167
Slip/trip/fall	1	116
Stress	17	13
Struck against something		40
Struck by moving vehicle		2
Struck by object		48
	38	1268

Please note that the information provided in the tables above **may not** be all of the injury/ill health accidents sustained by PSNI officers during the requested timeframes.

The information provided has been collated by PSNI Health and Safety Branch using the information from the Form E23/10 (accident/incident form) which are completed by officers and therefore the categories provided have been selected by the officer submitting and completing the information.

In addition and for assistance please see below a list of all the categories which the officer can select from and therefore if the category is selected as '**other**' it is possible that the injury does not fit into any of the categories below:

1. Accidental discharge/negligent discharge
2. Assault
3. Contact with needle or other sharps
4. Drowned or asphyxiated
5. Electricity
6. Ergonomics
7. Exposed to an explosion
8. Exposed to fire
9. Exposed to or in contact with harmful substance
10. Fall from height
11. Injured by an animal or insect
12. Lifting/Handling injury (Object)
13. Lifting/Handling Injury (Person)
14. Road Traffic Collision
15. Self Harm
16. Slip, Trip, Fall
17. Stress
18. Struck against something (ie furniture)

19. Struck by moving vehicle
20. Struck by object
21. Trapped by something collapsing

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing foi@psni.pnn.police.uk.

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.